

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2009-39-W - ORDER NO. 2009-354
JUNE 2, 2009

IN RE: Lisa Lochbaum, Complainant/Petitioner v.)	ORDER ON TESTIMONY
Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc.)	AND CONSOLIDATION
Defendant/Respondent)	WITH OTHER
)	COMPLAINT MATTERS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the motion of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (“USSC” or the “Company”) to strike certain material proffered as testimony by Lisa Lochbaum, the Complainant/Petitioner in this case. USSC notes that the e-mails submitted from other USSC customers as testimony by Ms. Lochbaum are unrelated to service rendered by USSC to Ms. Lochbaum, and, further, that said e-mails should be stricken as hearsay. Also, USSC alleges that Ms. Lochbaum may not rely on the contents of her complaint as her prefiled testimony. We agree with both points and grant the Motion to strike the e-mails from the evidence of the case.

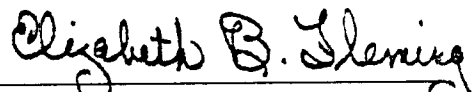
However, we do believe that Ms. Lochbaum should be granted an additional opportunity to comply with this Commission’s requirements for the prefilng of testimony. Ms. Lochbaum shall be allowed a period of ten (10) days from her receipt of this Order to prefile written testimony reflecting her personal knowledge and experience concerning the issues raised in her complaint. Said testimony shall be filed with this

Commission and served on USSC and on the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”). We shall continue to hold USSC’s Motion to Dismiss in abeyance at this time.

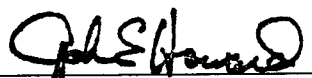
We note that there are other complaints before us concerning various issues with USSC. We believe that the complaint in this Docket should be consolidated for hearing purposes with those complaints for reasons of judicial economy, and that the hearing presently scheduled in this matter should be postponed. Accordingly, we hereby consolidate, for hearing purposes only, this complaint matter with the complaints filed in Docket Nos. 2009-75-W, 2009-99-W, 2009-101-W, 2009-102-W, and 2009-109-W.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)